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RARE AND UNUSUAL ORCHIDS

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Over a period of the last dozen years I have carefully collected many unusual orchids, and listed below is a group of my favorite kinds:

Lc. Golden Harvest: This is one of the best and strongest Yellow Cattleyas I have ever seen. It is a tremendous producer of fine flowers. The petals and sepals are a clear, bright, apricot yellow. The lip is either deep purple, brilliant magenta or red. It blooms freely during the summer, fall and winter. It is in my opinion the most vigorous growing yellow on the world market today! Mature divisions are \$15., \$20., \$25., \$35. All will bloom within 12 months. Osmunda grown. Fragrant.

Bc. Mars: This is an exquisite pale ivory to cream yellow Brasso that has bloomed for me every month in the year. Plants have no definite blooming season. I invariably always have one down here in bloom. The lip is magnificient. Very feathery and fringed often reaching 4 inches in diameter alone, with the flower reaching 7 inches. The lip fringe varies from pink, to rose, to lavender. The throat varies from all shades of golden yellow to brilliant shades of chartreuse green. Big, vigorous growers. Very fragrant. Osmunda-grown. Plants are \$15., \$20., \$25., \$35. All mature stock which will bloom within the year.

Blc. Afterglow: This is a magnificient, heavy textured dark lavender Brasso that runs almost into a bronze shade. The lip is big, heavy and feathery with a bright yellow throat. This plant will bloom on every new growth. I have had large plants bloom as many as four times in a single year! To obtain such flower production you must not divide these plants but must permit them to get large. Flowers often reach a size of 9 inches in diameter. Very fragrant. Osmunda-grown. My supply on these is very limited and cannot be replenished when these are sold. Mature divisions are \$18. to \$30. each. All will bloom within the year.

Bc. Mile Chas. de Maronae: This is alovely feather-lip Brasso with a pale bluish-lavender flower whose throat varies from chartreuse to lime green. Flowers are big and startling often reaching 9 inches in diameter. They will bloom freely under good light several times a year. Osmunda-grown. Choice plants \$15. to \$20. Will bloom within a year.

Asst. Yellow Hybrids: These are lighter yellows which run to shades of cream and ivory, usually with brilliant red or magenta lips and golden throats. Flowers on these will be smaller than the above, but many of these will produce 5 flowers to a sheath. If you like the smaller type flowers you will like these. \$12. to \$18. for mature plants to bloom within the year. Osmundagrown. Usually fragrant.

- "POT-LUCK" HYBRIDS -

These are "duplicates" of some of the finest hybrids on the commercial flower market today. I obtain these from one of my best suppliers. This outfit sells flowers to the wholesale market, and as such, grows some of the most magnificient plants. When he has too many duplicates of any special variety he sells them to me at a fixed price, regardless of color. He will neither tag most of these as to color or name. Hence, I take them on a "pot luck" basis, and sell them to you on the same basis, untagged for the most part. You can buy THREE such plants for only \$11 total, prepaid—yet a single plant might turn out to be a \$50. plant? This is no exaggeration as it has turned out time and again. These are osmunda-grown. The color range will be from lavender, bronze, yellow, salmon, white with purple lip, all white with golden throat, and many others. Think of it, 3 plants only \$11. - 7 plants only \$25. - 14 plants only \$50., prepaid?

